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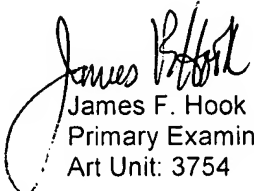
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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on January 5, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the only arguments presented are in reference to 35 USC 103(c) and there are no other arguments presented directed toward the rejections. There also is a need to perfect priority of the Japanese priority document which cannot be confirmed yet in that the translation provided does not translate the names of the inventors from the Japanese application, this is required to confirm that the Japanese application was to the same inventive entity as the instant application, only then can Japanese priority be confirmed. It is noted in MPEP 201.13 for certification of Priority papers under 35 USC 119 (a-d), II (c) the identity of the inventors must be the same for a right of priority to exist even though the two may be owned by the same party. Therefore, there are not arguments directed completely to the rejection provided in that there is not a complete response with regards to the perfection of priority, therefore such is being held as non-responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

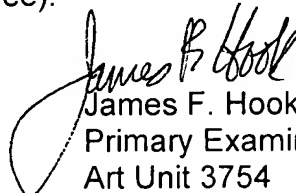
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4903. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Wednesday, work at home Thursdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Mar can be reached on (571) 272-4906. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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